GERMANTOWN COLONY MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD Thursday, May 2, 2013 Minden Chamber of Commerce Board Room

The Germantown Colony Museum Advisory Board met Thursday, May 2, 2013, at 4:00 P.M. with the following present: John Agan, Lynn Dorsey, Otto Krouse, Jean Doerge, Charlotte Jones, George Rolfe, Susie Lester, Larry Milford and Mary Durusau.

Minutes of the February 7, 2013 meeting were approved on motion by Otto Krouse and second by Lynn Dorsey.

Mary Durusau stated that KAN Contracting of Bossier City was awarded the bid for construction of the Visitor Center. The bid was \$424,000 and KAN was given notice to proceed. Hopefully they can begin construction on June 1. The amount of bid was more than money set aside by the State. John Davis with Facility Planning will go to the Legislature and request money from Capital Outlay Interest Account to make up the difference. The Museum will be closed while construction work is in progress. Jean Doerge asked if it would be possible to save the small Gate House and move it to a corner of the lot to be used for storage. Mary Durusau was not sure but will check on that.

The State has a contract with Milford Designs to design and prepare exhibits for Visitor Center. Larry Milford is excited about lots of great items stored in the archives that can be included in exhibits.

There was concern about cabins and blacksmith shop being secure while construction is under way. Included in the State Budget is an alarm system for the Visitor Center. Also suggested was to have someone clean buildings on a regular basis.

The State is working on directional signage from Interstate 20 to Germantown. Lynn Dorsey showed advertisement in North American Tour Guide. Our thanks to Lynn for all the promotion and advertising done for Germantown and Webster Parish.

A letter received from Lonnie Simpson resigning from the Advisory Board. He said he is willing to help at Germantown but not serve on the Board.

George Rolfe and Larry Milford stated that all of us need to work together to make it work!

Roof of Countess Cottage was discussed. Has roof been repaired? Will check with Amanda.

Next Meeting August 1, 4:00 P.M. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

Susie Lester, Secretary